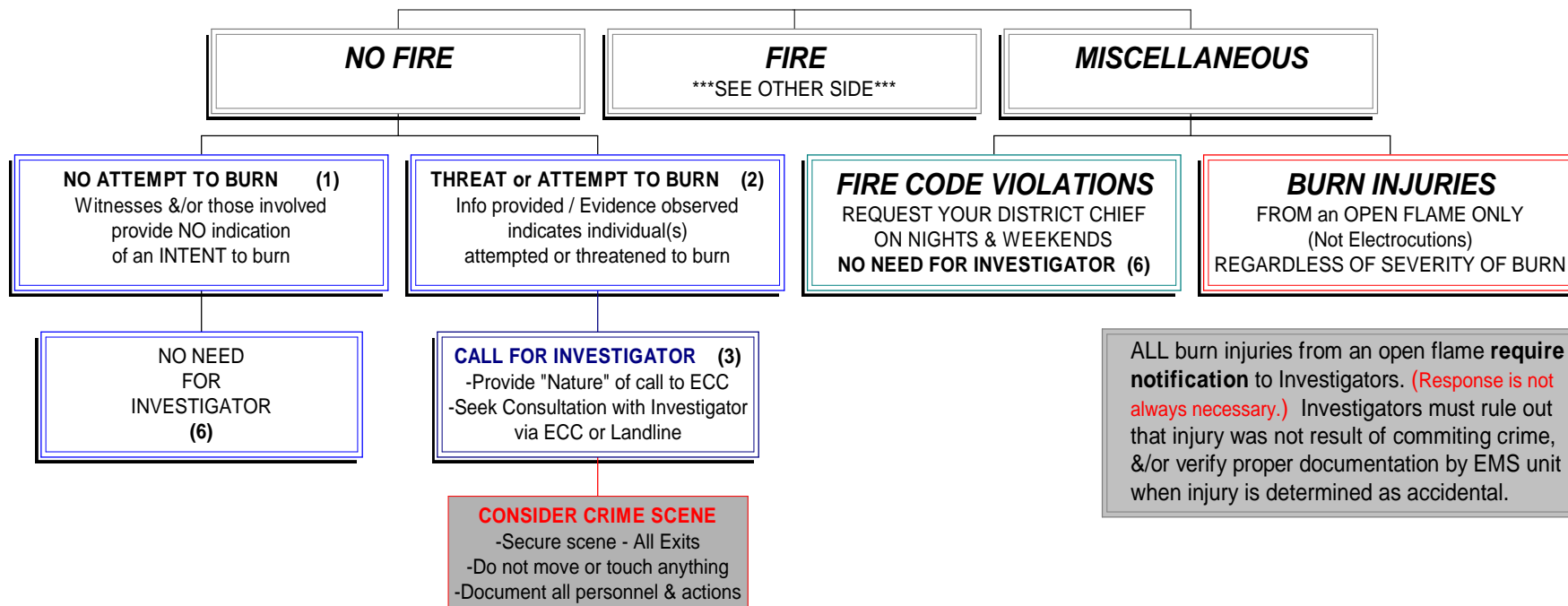


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(1) - The issue of *intent* is the key in determining if a crime occurred. EXAMPLE: Any *flammable liquid*, or a *cigarette is found on the ground next to a structure*. If it was spilled or dropped accidentally, then there is NO INTENT, however, if it was intentionally poured or placed in preparation to burn, then the intent to burn completes the crime.

(2) - As indicated in (1), if you find evidence of accelerants with "intent", OR you are provided information that someone has THREATENED to burn, then a potential crime was committed.

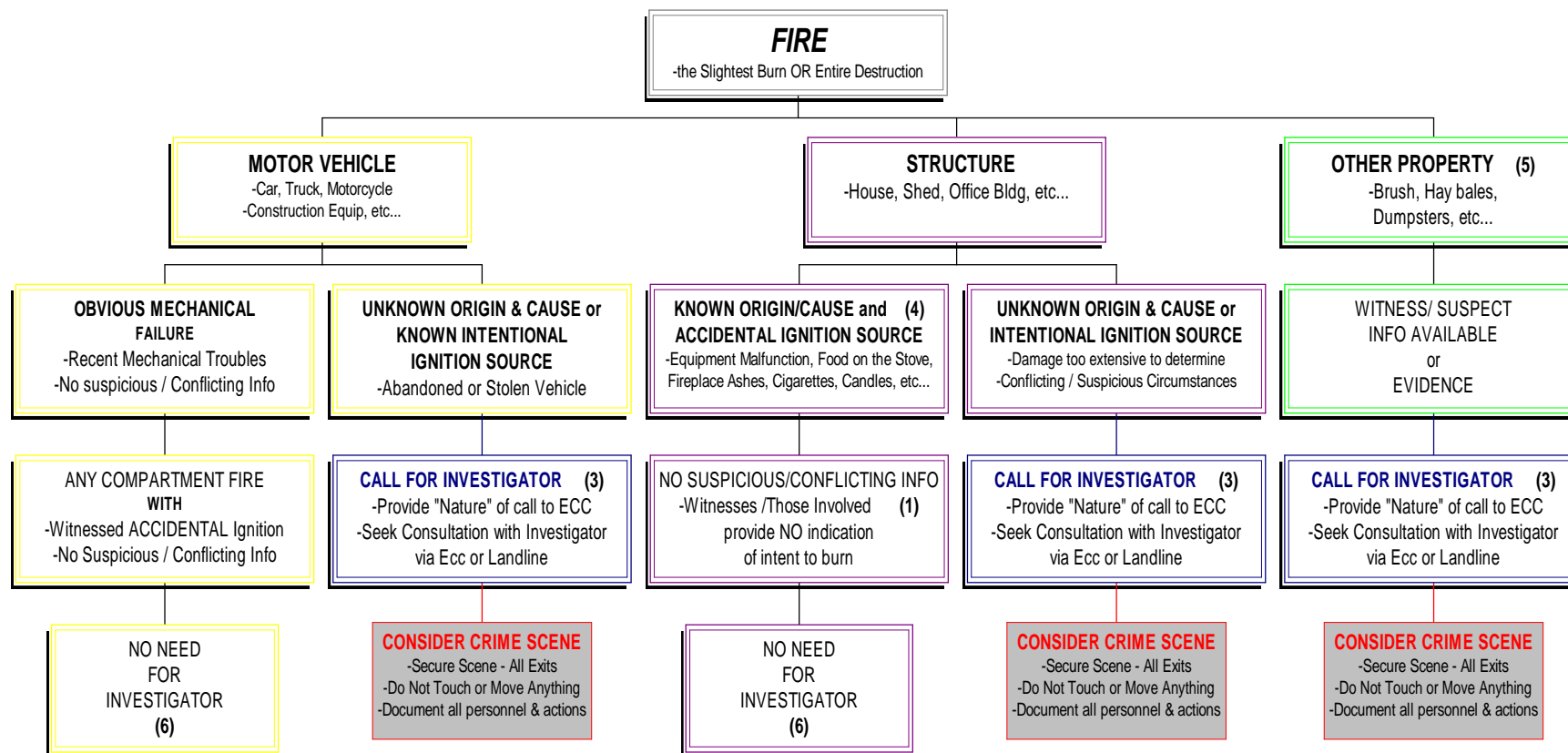
(3) - Just as you would provide ECC the "nature" of your request for a Medic Unit, please provide the nature of your request for an Investigator. This will assist in expediting the appropriate resources. EXAMPLE:

*A suspect is on the scene --We have immediate access to the police radio, and can request a nearby officer to detain the suspect until our arrival.

*A fire to a business OR a strong odor of gasoline --We can request the response of other agencies immediately, ie...ATF, Accelerant K-9 Team... Additionally, be aware that Investigators are often in court, at the jail, or conducting interviews, and are not always immediately free to "respond".

Knowing details of the incident will allow Investigators to assess the necessary information and determine how best to triage their activities, OR to call out another investigator to assist.

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(4) - Some people believe Investigators must be called out to document equipment failures, or for potential civil matters. However, Investigators document failed equipment, etc.. the same as field personnel, making a call out unnecessary.

If you **KNOW THE CAUSE TO BE ACCIDENTAL - THERE IS NO NEED TO CALL OUT AN INVESTIGATOR to CONFIRM.**

(5) - It is often difficult to rule out an accidental ignition source as the cause for these types of fires, making a response by an Investigator (usually) unnecessary. However, if suspicious circumstances exist, or you have any uncertainty, call out, or consult an Investigator.

(6) - ***This is only a guide, and should not be interpreted as an "absolute". If you have any doubt, or questions, call or consult with an Investigator.***